

CLAIMS

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What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A method of playing a card game among a plurality of Players and a Banker, each Player wagering against the Banker. The method comprising the following steps:
 - ✓ (a) providing and shuffling at least one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus at least one Joker; *no Joker!*
 - ✓ (b) each Player placing either a Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager or a Poker Bet wager, or both; *different kind of bet.*
 - ✓ (c) dealing cards into enough dealt hands of seven cards to provide a dealt hand for each Player and for the Banker;
 - ✓ (d) determining which dealt hand is assigned to each Player and which dealt hand is assigned to the Banker; *Dealer has no cards*
 - ✓ (e) from their own seven-card dealt hand, each Player and the Banker selecting their own best 5-card poker hand and discarding two other cards;
 - ✓ (f) determining whether each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager wins or loses, if any;
 - ✓ (g) settling each Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager with the Banker;
 - ✓ (h) comparing each Player's best 5-card poker hand to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker Bet game; *resolved differently no play dealer compares win/lose only*
 - ✓ (i) determining whether each Player's Poker Bet wager wins, loses or ties, and settling each Player's Poker Bet wager with the Banker, if any.
- 4 2. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the card game of the invention uses one standard poker deck of 52 cards plus one Joker.
- 5 3. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as an Ace or to form a Straight or Flush.
- 6 4. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein a Player's Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wins if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight, Flush, Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces; this wager loses if the Player's best 5-card poker hand is any other type of hand.
- 7 30 5. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money (1 to 1) on a hand of Two Pair or better, and is paid one and one half of the wager (3 to 2) on a hand that has two or more Aces in either the Player's best 5-card poker hand or the Player's seven dealt cards.
- 35 6. The method of playing a card game according to claim 4, wherein the Player's winning Pair Of Aces Or Better Bet wager is paid Even Money (1 to 1) on a hand of a pair of Aces, Two Pair, 3 of a Kind, Straight or Flush, and is paid 5 to 2 on a hand of Full House, 4 of a Kind, Straight Flush, Royal Flush or 5 Aces.
- 40 7. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player's best 5-card poker hand is compared to the Banker's according to the rankings of the Poker

Bet gam , which ar ranked in descending order as follows: 5 Aces, Royal Flush, Straight Flush, 4 of a Kind, Full House, Flush, Straight, 3 of a Kind, Two Pair, One Pair and High Card; Ace is the highest High Card, following by King, Queen, Jack, Ten, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3 and 2; and A2345 is the 2nd highest Straight.

5 8. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcom of a
Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are
determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the
Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank
10 the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-
card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid either Even
Money (1 to 1) or *one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is King-Jack or
lower.*

15 9. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a
Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are
determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the
Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank
the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-
card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's, this wager wins, and is paid either Even
Money (1 to 1) or *one half of the wager (1 to 2) if the Banker's losing hand is a
20 predetermined ranking hand or a lower ranking hand.*

25 10. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcom of a
Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are
determined as follows: *If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of
King-Queen or better (a King-Queen-high hand or a better hand)), this wager wins and is
paid one half of the wager (1 to 2).* If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks low r than
the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wag r
loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and th
Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, two hands push and this wager
neither wins or loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the
30 Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is King-Queen or better, this wager
wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

35 11. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcom f a
Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are
determined as follows: *If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of
a predetermined ranking hand or a better ranking hand, this wager wins and is paid on
half of the wager (1 to 2).* If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than th
Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager loses.
If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's
best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, two hands push and this wager neither wins
40 nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the
Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager wins and is paid Even
Money (1 to 1).

12. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: *If the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is 'not' a qualifying hand of a predetermined ranking hand or a better ranking hand, this wager pushes and no money is won or lost.* If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand is a qualifying hand, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1).

13. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein the outcome of a Player's Poker Bet wager and the Player's Poker Bet wager settling with the Banker are determined as follows: If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks lower than the Banker's, this wager loses. If the Player's and the Banker's best 5-card poker hand rank the same, two hands push and this wager neither wins nor loses. If the Player's best 5-card poker hand ranks higher than the Banker, this wager wins and is paid Even Money (1 to 1), *less a certain percent of commission.*

14. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein the Joker may be used as any card.

15. The method of playing a card game according to claim 7, wherein A2345 is the lowest Straight.

16. The method of playing a card game according to claim 1, wherein each Player and the Banker may receive their own hand in either one of the following fashions:

- (a) they receive their own seven cards and no community cards;
- (b) they receive their own six cards and one community card;
- (c) they receive their own five cards and two community cards;
- (d) they receive their own four cards and three community cards;
- (e) they receive their own three cards and four community cards;
- (f) they receive their own two cards and five community cards;
- (g) they receive their own one card and six community cards;
- (h) they receive no card their own and seven community cards.